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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOVT OF MALDIVES

REF: COLOMBO 2956 (NOTAL) AND COLOMBO 2596

1. MALDIVIAN EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE DEC 1 FROM
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
(COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED) REQUESTING US HELP IN
IMPLEMENTING GOM DECISION TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL AIRLINE.

2. NOTE STATES THREE FACTORS AS PART OF THE PROJECT:
A) LENGTHENING PRESENT RUNWAY FROM 5000 FEET TO 8500
FEET AND LAYING OUT RUNWAY IN ACCORDANCE INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS; B) ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR MALDIVES, INITIALLY
WITH ONE OR TWO LIGHT AIRCRAFT OF THE CONVAIR 440 (C-130)
TYPE TO TRANSPORT TOURISTS AND OTHER PASSENGERS BETWEEN
MALE AND SRI LANKA, INDIA AND/OR POSSIBLY PAKISTAN;
C) TRAINING OF MALDIVIANS IN HANDLING AND MAINTENANCE
OF AIRCRAFT, AIRPORT, AND PROVISION NECESSARY EQUIP-
MENT FOR ABOVE PURPOSE, AND ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM FOR AIRPORT.

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3. NOTE ALSO ADVISES US THAT AIR COMMODORE MENDIS,
SRI LANKA AIR FORCE (SLAF) COMMANDER, IS ACTING AS
ADVISER TO GOM ON MATTERS REGARDING AVIATION AND
THAT MENDIS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF ANY FURTHER
CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED.

4. MINISTRY ASKS WHETHER USG COULD RENDER ASSISTANCE,
FINANCIAL AND/OR OTHERWISE, FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT
AND ASKS THAT USG INDICATE WHICH FORM OF ASSISTANCE
IT COULD RENDER.

5. REQUEST DEPTS REACTION TO MALDIVIAN REQUEST
AND RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA
FOUR COLOMBO 2596.

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